



WELCOME LETTER – All officials.

General Information To Officiate High School Sports

As a new member to East Coast Umpires Association, which consists of both Baseball and Softball members, we welcome you to our group. We pride ourselves on being a pro-active association and want everyone to enjoy their time as a member. As with any organization, however, to make the most out of being 'part' of something there are requirements from all involved. Below is an informative description of those requirements. As a returning member, please read the following as a refresher.

An individual who intends to officiate an interscholastic athletic contest involving an FHSAA member school **must register with the FHSAA** office every year he/she officiates. (FHSAA - Florida High School Athletic Association).

The individual **must also join** and maintain membership in a **local** official's association which has been sanctioned by the FHSAA office. **(102.01 (1) and 102.02(1)-d** Officials Guidebook. (The Officials Guidebook is posted on the FHSAA's web site.) <http://www.fhsaa.org/rules/officials-guidebook>

The East Coast Umpires Association is sanctioned by the FHSAA.

OBLIGATIONS OF OFFICIALS' ASSOCIATIONS (ECUA TO MEMBERS) (203. 2017-18 OGB)

1. Education of Member Officials. Teach rules of the sport.
2. Training of Member Officials. Must hold a minimum of two (2) training sessions during the regular season. These training sessions should focus on application of the rules to specific situations and mechanics.
3. Distribution of Materials. FHSAA membership cards and any other materials FHSAA deems necessary.
4. Changes in Membership. Confirm with FHSAA that the local membership list matches FHSAA's muster report exactly.
5. Reports. Complete Game/Meeting Reports to the FHSAA by the deadline date.



COMMITTEES (204.01 2015-16 OGB)

Each local officials association is required to have an evaluation, assignment, recommendations, grievance and education/training committee.

FHSAA'S Requirements of Individual Officials

1. Registration and Fees. a. FHSAA b. Local Association.

NOTE: See Requirements for Registration (102.02 #s 1-8 and 102.05 2017-18 OGB)

2. Online Examinations. Must take the FHSAA online rules examination each year.

3. Rules of Conduct. (106. #s 1-15 2015-16 OGB)

Each member should carefully read over the Officials Guidebook.

<http://www.fhsaa.org/rules/officials-guidebook>

Some important items in the OGB:

1. 502. & 503. Procedure for Disqualification of an Athlete and Coach.
2. 504. Protocol after disqualification is Administered.
3. 505. Policy on Crowd Control.
4. 506. Notifying FHSAA Office of Incidents. Ejection reports must be filed within 24 hours online. PLEASE NOTE: Training Coordinator is to approve report before sending; more information about that in the ECUA Member Packet.
5. 700. Dress Code.
6. 702. Restrictions.
7. 1000. FHSAA Athletic Regulations That Apply to Officials.
8. 2002. Baseball Regulations
2002.03 FHSAA Rule Modifications (Baseball)
2008. Softball Regulations
2008.03 FHSAA Rule Modifications (Softball)



What does ECUA expect from its members?

Be diligent in learning the rules of the game, mechanics of the sport and the protocol set forth by the NFHS, FHSAA and ECUA's Executive Board, Training Committee, Assignor of games and School Board Representative.

Some of those things include:

1. Attend as many General Meetings and Training Sessions as possible.
2. Participate...don't just 'sit/stand by'.
3. Utilize association's web site: www.eastcoastumpires.org
 - ◆ By-laws
 - ◆ Training material
 - ◆ Calendar of meetings
 - ◆ Pay sheets
 - ◆ Meeting minutes, Treasurer's reports
 - ◆ Etc.
4. Professionalism is a must both on and off the field.

From Officials Code of Ethics of the National Federation of State High School Associations:

Officials at an interscholastic athletic event are participants in the educational development of high school students. As such, they must exercise a high level of self-discipline, independence and responsibility. The purpose of the Code is to establish guidelines for ethical standards of conduct for all interscholastic officials. (Entire Code in back of Rules book and every official should read.)

Being in proper physical condition is an essential requirement. The game requires the umpire to move quickly to obtain the proper position to render the best judgment on a play. An umpire who is not in sufficient physical condition to work a game is a hindrance to his/her partner and possibly the successful completion of the game. Today's athletes work hard to be prepared to participate at a high level and no less should be expected from the umpiring crew.